

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

February 21-22, 2001
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 2001, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Arthur E. Ellis, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mr. John Austin
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer
Mrs. Sharon A. Wise
Mr. Scott Jenkins, Representing Governor John Engler, ex officio

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Memorandum dated February 22, 2001, from Mr. Ellis to the Board regarding Information on the Alternate Assessment as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- B. Memorandum dated February 22, 2001, from Mr. Alexander Davlantes, Executive Director, to the Board, regarding Update on Activities at Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and Camp T

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, Administrative Secretary to the State Board of Education, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting. She also introduced Mrs. Dorothy Beardmore, former member of the State Board of Education.

V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education approve: (1) State Board of Education Minutes of Meeting of January 10, 2001; (2) State Board of Education Minutes of Closed Meeting of January 10, 2001; (3) State Board of Education Minutes of Meetings of January 23, 2001; and (4) State Board of Education Minutes of Closed Meeting of January 23, 2001.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. REPORT FROM STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW BYLAWS

Mrs. Gire said the State Board of Education Subcommittee to Review By-Laws met recently to review the Bylaws and the procedural policies. She said some preliminary identifications were suggested, but, further research is necessary before they will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. She said no significant conflicts with the Executive Orders were found so it should not be a problem in moving forward quickly. She thanked Mrs. McGuire, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Straus, and Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, Administrative Secretary to the State Board of Education, for their efforts.

Mrs. Straus reminded the Board that one of the provisions of the Bylaws requires that changes be presented to the Board a month before they are approved to allow time for review.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS SETTING FOR 2001-02

Mrs. Straus said that Mr. Warren, Mrs. Gire, and she have met to review the drafts submitted by Mr. Austin and Mr. Warren regarding the State Board of Education Goals for 2001-02. She said it has been proposed that the primary goal or objective be to drastically improve the consistently low performing schools, and focus on advocacy for implementation of public policies, strategies and tools which could be used to lift achievement in those schools. She said it will be necessary to hold public forums, utilize Department staff, and bring in outside speakers to accomplish that

goal. She said details of the plan are currently being written.

Mr. Warren said the Subcommittee felt that the following plan would result in effective change for low performing schools: (1) adoption of a goal or objective by the Board; (2) conduct a series of testimony and public hearings; (3) adopt three or four policy type action items; and (4) initiate discussion with the Governor, the Legislature, and other policymakers within the state in order to improve instruction.

There was extensive discussion regarding this plan and the role of the Department so that there would be a common starting place which the Board could build on. Board members felt they should testify at the Senate Education Committee hearings on "failing school districts" but wondered if Department staff would be active in that capacity as well. Mr. Ellis said further discussion is necessary to determine if there is a clear policy between the Department and the Board before staff participate in the hearings.

It was suggested that the leadership team consisting of the President, Vice President, and Secretary, as well as key staff testify on behalf of the Board, provide information to the Senate Education Committee, and seek out other opportunities to help. There are elements converging on the Board which are important to the Senate, and the public hearings are a good opportunity to indicate to the Senate that the Board has a list of ideas it is working through, and is planning to conduct its own set of information gathering forums.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- C. Approval of Criteria for a Grant for Assistive Technology Materials and Resources Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- D. Approval of Criteria for the 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for Three-Year-Old Children
- E. Approval of Criteria for the 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Grants for School-Age Child Care
- F. Approval of Criteria for the 2001-2002 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children At Risk of School Failure
- G. Approval of Criteria for the 2001-2002 New and Continuation Even Start Grants
- H. Approval of Request to Change Name of Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District
- I. Approval of Proposal from Madonna University for a New English as a

Second Language (ESL) Program as an Additional K-12 Endorsement at the Elementary and Secondary Levels

- J. Approval of Proposal from Ferris State University for a New English Program as a Major and as a Minor at the Elementary Level
- K. Approval of Proposal from Ferris State University for a New Biology Program as a Major and as a Minor at the Elementary Level
- L. Approval of Proposal from Lake Superior State University for a New Early Childhood Program as a Minor at the Elementary Level
- M. Approval of Proposal from Cornerstone University for a New English as a Second Language (ESL) Program as an Additional Endorsement at the Elementary and Secondary Levels
- N. Receive the Report of the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Council for Grand Valley State University and Approve the Professional Education Unit and the Specialty-Studies Programs
- O. Approval of the University of Phoenix as a Teacher Preparation Institution
- P. Receive the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Status Report on the Hillsdale College Teacher Preparation Program, Approve the Education Unit, and Approve Four Specialty-Studies Programs
- Q. Approval of Proposal from Ferris State University for a New Early Childhood Program as a Minor at the Elementary Level
- R. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Parenting Awareness Month

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- C. approve criteria for a grant for Assistive Technology Materials and Resources for students with disabilities as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- D. approve the criteria for the Federally-Funded 2001-2002 Child Care and Development Fund Competitive Grants for Three-Year-Old Children, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- E. approve the criteria for the 2001-2002 Federally-Funded Child Care and Development Fund Competitive Grant Program for School-Age Child Care as described in Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**

- F. approve the criteria for the 2001-2002 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children At Risk of School Failure as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- G. approve the criteria for the 2001-2002 New and Continuation Even Start Grants as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- H. approve the request of the Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District to change its name to Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- I. approve Madonna University's proposal for a new English as a Second Language (ESL) program as an additional K-12 endorsement at the elementary and secondary levels, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- J. approve Ferris State University's proposal for a new English program as a major and as a minor at the elementary level, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- K. approve Ferris State University's proposal for a new Biology program as a major and as a minor at the elementary level, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- L. approve Lake Superior State University's proposal for a new Early Childhood program as a minor at the elementary level, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- M. approve Cornerstone University's proposal for a new English as a Second Language (ESL) program as an additional endorsement at the elementary and secondary levels, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- N. (1) receive the report of the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Council on the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) professional education unit and specialty-studies programs; (2) approve the GVSU professional education unit (initial and advanced levels) for five years (2000-2005); (3) approve GVSU initial/undergraduate-level Spanish, Music Education, Art Education, Physical Education, and Computer Science programs for five years (2000-2005); (4) approve the GVSU advanced/graduate-level Early Childhood, General Elementary K-5, and Graduate Teacher Education programs for five years (2000-2005); (5) approve, with weaknesses noted, the GVSU initial/undergraduate-level French program for two years (2000-2002); and (6) conditionally**

approve the GVSU initial/undergraduate-level German and Health programs for two years (2000-2002), as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;

- O. (1) receive the report of the Committee of Scholars regarding approval of the University of Phoenix programs; and (2) grant preliminary approval to the University of Phoenix for the purpose of developing Master's Degree programs in Michigan for Curriculum and Instruction, Administration and Supervision, and Education Counseling, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- P. (1) approve the Hillsdale College Education Unit; and (2) approve the French, German, Spanish, and General Science specialty-studies programs until the next full Periodic Review/Program Evaluation review, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001;**
- Q. approve Ferris State University's proposal for a new Early Childhood program as a minor at the elementary level, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001; and**
- R. adopt the resolution regarding March 2001 as Parenting Awareness Month in Michigan, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 7, 2001.**

The resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

IX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- S. Human Resources Report**
- T. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers**
- U. Report on 2001-2004 Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services**
- V. Report on Michigan Self-Assessment and Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process for Special Education and Early Intervention Services**
- W. Report on Modification to the Previously Approved Calhoun Intermediate School District, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, and the Lewis Cass Intermediate School District Special Education Plans**
- X. Report on Approval of Request to Change Name of Alpena Community College**

- Y. All Students Achievement Program - Literacy Achievement Program (ASAP-LAP)
- Z. 2000-2001 Mathematics and Science Centers
- AA. All Students Achieve Program-Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE)
- BB. 1999-2000 Learn and Serve-Michigan Program - Amendment
- CC. 2000-2001 Off-Road Vehicle Rider and Safety Education Program
- DD. 2000-2001 Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program
- EE. 2000-01 Refugee Children School Impact Grant

In response to Mrs. Straus, Mr. Ellis said the Legislature established the All Students Achieve Program-Parent Involvement and Education grant totaling \$450 million which included a 10% cap per award. Dr. Michael Williamson, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services, said the grant awards are essentially designed to go to the intermediate school districts, and the criterion are set up in such a way that a large district would not qualify.

Mr. Ellis provided an oral report on the following:

A. Special Education Rules

Mr. Ellis said the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was changed approximately six years ago at the federal level, and the Board, at one time, tried to modify the Special Education Rules in light of those changes. He said that effort was abandoned after the immensity of the project became evident, and staff have since been developing a comprehensive review of the Rules. He said that information should be ready to bring before the Board at its April meeting, and public hearings will be scheduled as required by law.

B. Community College Chartered Public School Academy

Mr. Ellis said several school districts in Calhoun County, and the Calhoun County Intermediate School District are in the process of working with Kellogg Community College to establish an alternative education public school academy. He said this charter school would serve as a school for students who have been expelled, and is a comprehensive county wide effort. He said he believes it is an excellent idea, and wanted to bring it to the

Board's attention to indicate that any community college in the state can charter a school within its district.

Mr. Ellis said the only exception to that rule is Bay Mills Community College which chartered schools throughout the state, but cannot charter a school within the Detroit Public Schools district because it is a class one district. He said the statutes do not allow a federally chartered community college to charter schools in a class one district.

X. BRIEFING WITH MR. LEE PASQUARELLA

Mr. Lee Pasquarella, President, Cascade Consulting Group, Inc., said normally he would brief the Board on a list of proposed questions for the candidates, however, fourteen priority questions have already been chosen by the Board. He said follow up questions may be asked after the initial fourteen were completed, and suggested that each candidate be given an opportunity to pose questions to the Board.

There was extensive discussion regarding the fourteen questions, if more would be necessary to fill the hour and fifteen minutes allotted each candidate, and the role Mrs. Beardmore would play in the process.

The interview questions are attached as Exhibit B.

No action was taken on this item.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

XII. INTERVIEW WITH DR. JAMES REDMOND

Mrs. Straus introduced Dr. James Redmond, Superintendent, Oakland Schools.

Mrs. Straus outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview.

The interview with Dr. Redmond began at 1:15 p.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m.

The audio and video tape of the interview is on file in the office of the State Board of Education.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

XIV. INTERVIEW WITH MR. THOMAS D. WATKINS, JR.

Mrs. Straus introduced Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Executive Director, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mrs. Straus outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview.

The interview of Mr. Watkins began at 3:00 p.m. and ended at 4:14 p.m.

The audio and video tape of the interview is on file in the office of the State Board of Education.

XV. RECESS

The Board recessed at 4:15 p.m. Mr. Ellis reminded the members of the Board that the reception for the candidates for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction would begin at 5:00 p.m. at the State of Michigan Library and Historical Center in the Rotunda.

Thursday, February 22, 2001

Present: Mr. Arthur E. Ellis, Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary
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Mrs. Sharon A. Wise
Mr. Scott Jenkins, representing Governor John Engler, ex officio

XVI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

XVII. INTERVIEW WITH DR. WILLIAM J. BUSHAW

Mrs. Straus introduced Dr. William J. Bushaw, State Director, Michigan North Central Association.

Mrs. Straus outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview.

The interview of Dr. Bushaw began at 9:35 a.m. and ended at 10:50 a.m.

The audio and video tape of the interview is on file in the office of the State Board of Education.

XVIII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

XIX. INTERVIEW WITH DR. THOMAS P. JANDRIS

Mrs. Straus introduced Dr. Thomas P. Jandris, Division Director, Education Commission of the States.

Mrs. Straus outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview.

The interview of Dr. Jandris began at 11:10 a.m. and ended at 12:20 p.m.

The audio and video tape of the interview is on file in the office of the State Board of Education.

XX. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

XXI. INTERVIEW WITH DR. CHRISTA ADAMS

Mrs. Straus introduced Dr. Christa Adams, President, St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Michigan.

Mrs. Straus outlined the procedures that would be followed during the interview.

The interview of Dr. Adams began at 1:20 p.m. and ended at 2:50 p.m.

The audio and video tape of the interview is on file in the office of the State Board of Education.

XXII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

XXIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Mr. Michael Flanagan, Executive Director, Michigan Association of School Administrators, 1001 Centennial Way, Suite 300, Lansing, Michigan 48917. Mr. Flanagan stated that he believed that the Board followed an excellent process for interviewing candidates for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- B. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments regarding Western Michigan University's Evaluation Report on Charter Schools, Blue Ribbon Schools, and her correspondence to the Board dated October 2000. Ms. Wood provided a copy of that correspondence to Mr. Austin.

In response to concerns raised by Ms. Wood, Mrs. Straus said Board members have been visiting Blue Ribbon schools, and a network of school employees from Blue Ribbon Schools is under development.

XXIV. DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Straus said each of the candidates was very impressive. She said several Board members have indicated that they would like an opportunity to review their notes and think about the candidates overnight. She said it has been suggested that the Board reconvene Friday, February 23, 2001, to discuss the candidates and possibly make a decision at that time.

Mr. Warren said Mrs. Wise and he would prefer to discuss the candidates that day.

Mrs. Wise pointed out that Mr. Pasquarella would not be available on Friday.

Mr. Austin said this is a very important decision and he would like to wait until Friday to work through the process.

Mrs. Gire said she has reviewed her notes from the two interviews held on Wednesday, and feels it is only fair to give the same consideration to the three candidates interviewed today.

In response to Mrs. Straus, Mr. Pasquarella suggested that the Board follow their gut reaction, and that it is important to review their notes and remember the criteria that were established. He said it does not matter how Board members reach their decisions as long as the Board determines which candidates they are most interested in and not spend time discussing the others. He said once two or three top candidates are identified, group discussion should be encouraged to allow individuals the opportunity to express their points of view.

Mr. Pasquarella said during the discussion the Board must make it clear that they are not voting to select the next Superintendent of Public Instruction, but are simply looking at where the interest lies. He said no one assumes or believes that a Board member will maintain the same top candidate if a second vote is taken.

Mrs. Gire said she would feel more comfortable if the Attorney General's office were consulted regarding the deliberation process because of the sensitivity of discussing personnel issues in a public setting.

Mr. Ellis said the Attorney General's office does not typically become involved in situations like these, and the Board may not hire an outside attorney without permission from the Attorney General.

Mr. Austin suggested that the Board President present a preliminary proposal at tomorrow's meeting on how to structure discussion. He said the Board can then debate or change the process as an early order of business.

In light of a majority of the Board expressing a desire to postpone the discussion, there was consensus to postpone further discussion on selection of the Superintendent of the Public Instruction until Friday, February 23, 2001.

XXV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards and/or recognitions presented to Board.

XXVI. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

There were no comments made by the State Board of Education members.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA

Board members were asked to submit agenda items for the March meeting to the Administrative Secretary. Mr. Ellis said the Board President, Vice President, and Secretary, as well as Department staff would be meeting within the next couple of weeks to develop and finalize the agenda.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Mrs. Gire said due to a conflict, she will not be able to attend the June 21, 2001, meeting and asked that it be moved to June 14, 2001.

Mrs. Wise said she would not be able to attend on that date, and after some discussion it was determined that all Board members would be available on Tuesday, June 12, 2001.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education reschedule its June 21, 2001 meeting to June 12, 2001.

The motion carried unanimously.

Future meetings dates:

- A. March 15, 2001
- B. April 12, 2001
- C. May 17, 2001
- D. June 12, 2001
- E. July 19, 2001

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael David Warren, Jr.
Secretary